

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT DIDN'T START ON THE STREETS OF AMERICA BUT IN THE SKIES OVER EUROPE.



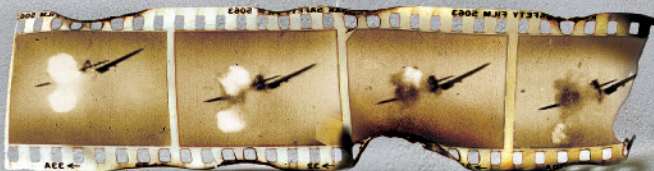
Tuskegee Airmen of the first all-black fighter squadron.

Fifteen years before Rosa Parks refused to yield her seat on a bus, Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin O. Davis refused to yield the skies over Nazi Germany. Colonel Davis was commander of



Benjamin O. Davis
99th Fighter Squadron

the Tuskegee Airmen, units created to prove the capability of black combat pilots and crews. At a time when black people mostly worked as waiters and shoeshine boys, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave them a chance to become heroes through the Tuskegee Airmen. They were all-black Army



With nothing left to lose, the 99th rarely did. Gun camera footage shows downing of a Nazi fighter.

Air Corps units that escorted bombers into the European theater.

Early on, many people wanted to see this project fail. But the only thing the Tuskegee Airmen ever failed to do was lose a bomber to enemy fighters.

Thanks in part to the Tuskegee Airmen, when you Cross Into The Blue in the United States Air Force, the world of opportunity and honor is available to everyone. They made the most of their opportunity. What will you do with yours?



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